THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 26th January 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

I.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. CHAIRMAN (Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB) :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received messages from the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, dated, *Fort St. George*, the 23rd January 1948, in accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly on the 23rd January 1948 and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council :—

(1) The Madras Silkworm Diseases (Prevention and Eradication) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1948).

(2) The Madras Home Guards Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1948)."

II.—COMMEMORATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, to-day is the 26th of January, a day of commemoration on which the independence of this country was recognized. After recognition, many events took place and independence was finally announced on the 15th of August 1947. Many men and women have struggled hard for the freedom of this country and some of them have lost even their lives. A grateful posterity has got to pay its homage to their sacrifices. As far as this Council is concerned, I suggest that we stand up here for two minutes in commemoration of those martyrs."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, I am glad to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. Leader of the House. It is but fitting that we must pay our homage to those who have worked hard and sacrificed their all for the noble cause of achieving the independence of the country. With these words I support the suggestion made by the Hon. Leader of the House."

The suggestion was accepted and the whole House stood in silence for two minutes.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS SILKWORM DISEASES (PREVENTION AND ERADICATION) BILL [a], 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 1 OF 1948) (AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY).

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Silkworm Diseases Prevention and Eradictation) Bill*, 1947 (*L.A. Bill No.* 1 *of* 1948), *as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 51–54 infra.